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PREFATORY NOTE.

This volume contains the letters received at Fort St. George from January to November 1754 and is the thirty-fourth in the series of records known as "Letters to Fort St. George". The volume is incomplete. It has not been possible to fill up the gaps in it since the India Office does not possess the records of this series.

The original manuscript volume has been amended and is in a fair state of preservation.

EGMORE,
2nd May 1941.

B. S. BALIGA,
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(VOLUME No. XXXIV.)

[From January to November 1754.]

[*A few pages lost.*]

. . . amendment & We hope the fear of your displeasure will make him carefull in attending the Office for the Time to come should he still continue Negligent We shall acquaint you of it.

A Due Obedience shall be paid to Your Orders in sending Invoices for the future with all stores that go from hence.

Capt. Donald Campbell has taken Charge of this Garrison & Capt. Gardiner proceeds to Deve Cotah in a day or two in his Way to Camp all the other Officers are gone already except Mr. Percival who continues much out of order.

We now enclose your Honour &ca. a Petition from a poor Woman which has been given into Our Board some time since. We have endeavour'd what We could to procure her right from the Person against whom she complains but he still declines doing her Justice We beg leave to have your directions how to proceed in the Affair.

Our Consultations & Monthly Accounts shall accompany our next address in the meantime We remain with a perfect Respect

FORT ST. DAVID
JANRY THE 4TH. 1754.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most obedient humble Servts.

RICHD. STARKE.
HUGH MORRIS.
ROBT. SLOPER.
PETER ST. PAUL.

TO PETER ST. PAUL ESQR.
SECRETARY.

SIR

I received your Letter which informed me of the Deputy Govr. &ca. Council's Directions to you and desire you will be so kind to return for answer that I never mention'd any such Thing nor had any such thought, I am

CUDDALORE
DECR. YE. 23RD. 1753.

SIR
Your most Obedient Servants [*sic*]
JOHN PERCIVAL.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL RICH^{D}. STARKE ESQ^{R}.
DEPUTY GOV^{R}. &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF SHEVA GONGA

SHEWETH

That in M^{r}. Floyer's Government one Gautakie from Tanjore that receives Rupees 300 ℘ Month from the Company came to Tripopalore and wanting a habitation, Rangappa M^{r}. Floyer's Dubash interceeded with great promises of the said Goutakies Generosity to your Petitioner to let him have her House to inhabit in for 8 days, which yor. Peti^{nr}. was prevail'd on to Consent too, but a year was past when yor. Peti^{r}. neither had her House & Garden deliver'd up nor any Rent paid, upon which yor. Peti^{r}. apply'd again to Rangapa who shuffled her off by telling her that in a few days he Gautakie would go, and make her a generous recompence, therefore yor. Peti^{r}. took Patience till Rangapa died, and then she made her address to Mutookistna (a Debash of M^{r}. Floyer's) who reply'd He could not assist her further than he would lay her case before the Govr. & told her to have Patience he should go out of the House, but your Petitioner found no veracity in his Words after that when Comrapa belonging to the Honourable Thos. Saunders Esqr. came, your Peti^{r}. apply'd to him who shuffled her off with promises of Representing her case to the Govr. and one day before his Hon^{r}. was going to Madrass being invited to Sadashavarow Reddys yor. Peti^{r}. threw herself at Comrapa's feet before several Reddys, and Austima Chitty, when he promis'd that after 15 days arrivall in Madrass the said Gautakie should be sent for and yor Peti^{r}. not only have her House but as he was allow'd from the Company Rupees 300 a month that He should make satisfaction to your Peti^{r}. and as yor. Petit^{r}. has found no truth in his promises nor in Govr. Cockells Dubash (Davienaica) there fore she humbly begs your Worship &c^{a}. to take into Consideration how much she is distress'd not only that Gautakie possesses her house but has alter'd it to his Pleasure the illtreatment your Peti^{r}. has receiv'd from Gautakie has surpass'd expression & would intrude too much on your Worship &c$^{a's}$. Patience to rehearse, if this matter can't be decided by the Worshipfull board yor. Peti^{r}. humbly begs it may be transmitted to Madrass & from yor. Worship &c^{a}. or from thence yor. Peti^{r}. hopes for relief which binds, as a poor Widow yor. Peti^{r}. that has nothing but that to depend on

EVER TO PRAY.

N°. 4.

TO THE HON^{BLE} THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRS

Our Consultations & Monthly Accounts for November being compleated accompany this address to your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}.

Your favour by the Massoolas We have reced and Landed the 12 Chests of Rupees you were pleased to send Us agreable to your advice We have advanced Caun Modeliar Govinda Chitty & Teneveroy Pilla, as We have likewise Irshipa Chitty & Paupa Rauze their Ballances being considerably reduc'd a Bill has been presented Us this day for Acceptation for forty six thousand (46,000) Arcot Rupees which the Commisary took up in Camp for the payment of Seapoys & the Deputy Govr. acquaints us he has a Letter of Advice this day from M^{r}. Mansell of his having drawn on Us for five thousand

(5000) Pagodas more, which we have not Cash sufficient to discharge We therefore request your Honr. &ca. will furnish us with an Immediate supply being in the utmost want of it.

The Gentlemen that came on boats are proceeded to Deve Cotah & We have wrote to Mr. Hopkins to return the Massollah's to us immediatly We should have furnish'd Chelingas from hence but that they have been so constantly employ'd in carrying stores that what are in the Place are all repairing.

We are to request of your Honour &ca. Fifty Candies of Lead ℘ first Conveyance that offers & are with great Respect

FORT St. DAVID

8TH. JANRY. 1754.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient Humble Servts.

RICHD. STARKE.
HUGH MORRIS.
ROBT. SLOPER
PETER St. PAUL.

LIST OF CLOTH ON HAND.

At the Beaters	10
At the Washers	424
At the Dyers	37
Bales	471

No. 5.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT St. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This waits on you in answer to your favour of the 9th. Instant which We have duly reced.

The Military stores reported to you some time since as gone to decay shall be survey'd again & such as are found repairable, We shall put in hand directly & what is otherwise We propose to sell by Publick Outcry as however useless in Garrison they will still fetch something, the account sales shall be transmitted your Honour &ca.

Mr. Alexr. Baird accepts of your Permission of resigning Our Honble Masters service & will proceed to Fort St. George in a short Time.

We now transmit you the account current of Salempores Midling which will acquaint you with the Nature of the gain of two thousand One hundred & thirty five Pagodas twenty four fanams & twenty four Cash (2135–24–24) on that Article ariseing only from the difference in the Valuation on the Debtor & Creditor sides but not from the sales

The Storekeeper assures us that several Particulars in his List which was transmitted your Honour &ca. for permission to write off are entirely Lost by Wasteage & Deficiency of Weight & those of the Military Stores however Continued on his Books until now yet were gone to decay long since & none of them are in being at present.

Mr. Perceval readily accepts of your leave to do duty for sometime as a Military Officer in our Garrison.

The Widow's case being really such as We have represented to you We shall stop a small proportion of Gautakies monthly allowance in order to discharge his debt to her.

The Deputy Governor having had an Intimation of what Your Honour &ca. mention in regard to the steps taken by the French Emissaries to seduce Gautakie over to their Interest had given directions some days since to the Capt. Commandant to secure him in the Fort which has accordingly been done he is Lodged in the Square as Commodiously as possible & you may depend on the utmost Care being taken to prevent either his or Ragapunts Escape.

The Officers of the Bengal detachment say they have hitherto had diet money as well as subsistence & have apply'd to us for it but as We do not know whether it is agreable to your Honour &ca. that We should continue that allowance We request to be favoured with your Orders relating to it.

The Stewards Account Remains are only valued in one general Sum & as We are in want of the Particular cost of each piece of Furniture We beg you will please to send us the General List with the Prices annexed to it so soon as we receive that & your Directions in regard to the General Articles to be wrote off We shall close Our Books & transmitt them to Your Honour &ca. without any further delay.

We beg leave to recommend the Contents of the enclosed Letter from Mr. Robt. Holford to your Honour &ca. Consideration & are with respect

FORT ST. DAVID
14TH. JANRY 1754.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. hble servts.

RICHD. STARKE.
HUGH MORRIS.
ROBT. SLOPER.
PETER ST. PAUL.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL RICHD. STARKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRS

Having the command of the Sloop Fanny belonging to Lieut Demar &c. Mr. John Murphey jointly which Vessell now lying at Porto Novo where I have ten of her Crew without any thing to support them or Pay their Wages or to secure my own & having acquainted the Attorneys of the said Lieut. Demar & Mr. John Murphey with the situation I am in but receiv'd no relief from them either by money or otherways & not knowing what to do in regard to a small part of her intended Cargo which I have on Board & have the said Gent's orders to dispose of it at Anjengo where I was to have gone after the Repair of the Sloop I therefore presume Worshipll. Sir & Sirs to lay my case before you humbly requesting that you will favour me with your kind advice as I can only be directed by it how I am to proceed for the safety of the Vessell as also for my own Indemnification your taking my case into consideration will be an obligation never to be forgott by him who is with the greatest respect

CUDDALORE
12TH. JANRY. 1754.

WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble
Servt.
ROBT. HOLFORD.

No. 6.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Governor &ct. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your favours of the 24th. Ultimo and 7th. Instant now call upon me to acknowledge as well the Receipt of them as to assure your Honour &ca. of the due obedience I shall pay to the commands they contain.

The same Obstacle that prevented me before from making the enquirys so necessary in regard to the Investment have subsisted ever since till within this day or two but the Promise We now have of fair weather will I hope soon so effectually remove them as to enable me to perform that Task to your Honour &ct. Satisfac[tion].

All the information I have acquired in respect to Mr. Flaction whom you are pleased to enquire after, is, that he came out a Volunteer on the same ship with Capt. D'Illens, that under that denomination he proceeded from the Presidency to Fort St. David by the direction of the Honble the President (as he was advised by Capt. Brohier) & from Fort St. David hither, by the direction of the Deputy Govr. (as he was told by Capt. Gardiner) and to remain in this Place as an Officer till further Orders by which means he lost the early advantage of Procuring a Commission by not proceeding to Camp directly with the Rest of the Volunteers. This is the best account I have been able to collect of the Affair and shall only beg leave to observe to your Honour &ca. That although he has not yet been honour'd with a Commission, yet in my humble opinion he is as deserving of one both as a Gent & a Soldier as any of those that have thus got the start of him.

Capts. Innes & Greenville together with Messrs. Spear & Clark arrived here the 7th. Instant & on the 9th. the three last of these Gent proceeded to Camp whom Capt. Pascal is preparing to follow.

Till I reced your Honour &cas. favour of ye. 31st. Ulto. I never once heard of the least occasion had been given the Pollygar to complain of his meeting any Interruption in Collecting the Duties he is entitled to, nor have I been able with the strictest enquiry since to discover he ever had or has any as otherwise I should have used my endeavours to have procured him all the relief such a case would admit of. With your Honour &ca's. Permission I am inclin'd to think that he rather meant to have complained of the objection the Bound Renters make to his receiving more than his due for they say that one hundred and seventysix Caunees (176) specified in the cowle are equal to two hundred and twenty Valees (220) which is half the Produce of the whole Limits of Deve Cotah, Whereas his proper allowance in the King of Tanjore's time, never amounted to more than Forty Seven Valees (47) and therefore humbly aprehend there was a mistake committed in drawing out that Cowle relating to this particular. As this therefore in all appearance is the reall foundation of the Polygar's Complaint, the Redress of it lies intirely in the breast of your Honour &ct. who shall always find the greatest readiness in me punctually to put in execution which way soever you are pleas'd to determine the matter.

Lieut. Patterson and his party destined by Your Honour &ct. for camp were safely landed on the 11th. at Night, out of the Sloop Salangore and shall be kept in readiness to March on the first call Major Lawrence makes for them.

Such pressing and moving Aplications have been made by the Killedar of Palam Cotah and the Nabob of Kirrapahs Vakeel, that I hope I shall not incurr Your Honour &ca's. displeasure by yielding so far to them as to Consent to

Our Detachments staying a few days longer at that Place and the most prevailing reason with me for it is that without such assistance they will not be able to collect the Grain belonging to their limits which is to put them into a Capacity of reimbursing the Expences our Hon̄ble Masters have been at on the Occasion and may probably also give some Umbrage to the Kirrapah Nabob to withdraw or lessen the sense of the Obligation he may have conceived himself to lye under for your Friendly offices. I have however wrote two or three times to the Killedar in such Terms setting forth the necessity both of withdrawing our Troops, and of his discharging the Debt that I hope will bring him to a speedy resolution But not withstanding these reasons should your Honour &c[t]. determine otherwise I shall pay an immediate Obedience to the first notice you will please to favour me with.

Our Hon̄ble Masters Sloop Dragon is still detain'd here by Contrary winds but as soon as they become favourable she shall be dispatch'd to your Honour &c[a]. with a Cargoe of Piles agreable to the Request made by the Worshipfull Deputy Gov[r]. &c[t]. Council of Fort S[t]. David. In the meantime be pleased to permit me to enclose the Monthly Papers for last month and to subscribe myself

DEVE COTAH

12TH. JAN̄RY - 1754.

HON̄BLE SIR & SIRS

Your m[o]. obed[t]. & m[o]. hble Serv[t].

CHA[S]. HOPKINS.

N[o]. 7.

TO THE HONOURABLE THO[S]. SAUNDERS ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &C[A]. COUNCIL OF
FORT S[T]. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have been favour'd with your Letter of the 7[h]. Ult[o]. and by these Peons send our books ending the 30th. April last. Your Honour &c[a]. will observe they are closed without giving our Merchants Credit for the Cloth sent up for some time past as the account sortment thereof was not so particular as to enable us to make the proper entrys. We take the Liberty to inclose copies of some Invoices for your Warehousekeeper which we shall be glad to have returned us with the account sortment on the back of each and if it be agreable to your Honour &c[a]. we will constantly practice this method which we hope will prevent any mistakes in future.

We have not yet begân to repair any of the works Co[ll]. Scott mentioned to us, should he call at Madrass and your Honour &c[a]. approve of what he proposes to do here, We hope you will send a proper Person to direct the workmen as We have nobody Capable. The only part we can undertake is to build the Wall from Martin's Point to Torneroy's battery, which being plain Work can with the Instructions left us by Col[l]. Scott be well enough executed by the People We have, We mention this to your Honour &c[ca]. as We think it a material Work and that the Cost will not be so great as the value of the Teak Timber now in the Palisadoe which are dayly decaying and of no security to the Place

We shall pay due regard to your Orders relating to any of the Servants who may resign their employs here.

We have suplied M[r]. Andrews with 30 Buckaneer Pieces for his Peons with what other military accoutrements he desired, Musquetts we were unable to give him as M[r]. Westcott had all the spare ones in the Garrison last year.

In our last we acquainted your Honour &ca. with the Verbal grant We have obtained from the Nabob to coin our Copper.

The Rajah Viziaramrauze has desired Mr. Pigot to request you will supply him with 100 Barrells of Gunpowder, we are to acquaint your Honour &ca. that, that which you gave his People some Months ago was landed here and had safe Conduct to him, tho he was in a manner surrounded by the Moors; whither our Nabob was unacquainted with this or his politeness kept him from mentioning it we know not, but it is very certain he told our Neighbours the Dutch who suffer'd some small Guns sent from Metchlepatam to be landed, that he would pull down their Factory if he heard again they assist a Rebel.

The inclosed is a Petition we are desired to present you from Mr. Maul the surgeon for the Negrais with Mr. Hunter, the Poor Man has suffer'd so much by Illness as almost to lose the use of his Legs and as his necessities obliged him to apply to Us for the same allowance of 15 Pagodas ℔ Month which he received there we hope you will approve of our giving him the same and that you will permit us to recommend him to your favour.

We are

VIZAGAPATAM
26TH. DECR. 1753.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your mo. obedient humble Servts.

GEORGE PIGOT.
SAML. BANKS.
J. L. SMITH.

No. 8.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE.
&CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I presume your honr. &ca. will before this have been informed that the French have obtained Phirmaunds from Salabat Jing for the Countrys of Conicole, Elure, Rajah Mundm. & Chicacul, as these were procured without the Privity or Consent of the Duanjee and other Officers of the Divan, they have wrote Jeffer Alli cawn not to pay any regard to the Perwanna, nor deliver up the Country; at present he opposes the French, but without [...] supported by some European Power I am affraid [he may] too soon give up the cause; and they become Masters of all country the consequence of which (without a speedy and powerfull assistance) will be the Loss of all our Trade in these Parts. I am in hourly apprehensions of their taking Possession of this Place and the More so because they know I am not able to defend it herewith comes the Accounts for December as also the Accounts of the Quick Stock. I am with the greatest esteem

BANDAR MALANKA
JANRY. 5TH. 1754.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your mo. obedient & mo. obliged
Humb. Servant

JOHN ANDREWS.

No. 9.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Inclosed is copy of our last with duplicate of our Books ending 30th. April, the Returns of the Garrison & monthly Papers.

We are concerned to acquaint you that the Porto Bello Sloop arrived here the 29th. having been unable to make her passage to the Negrais, the Master of her deliver'd us the enclosed Letter which contains his Reason for bearing away. The Long time He has been beating [East] ward has so much shatter'd the sloops sails & [that it . . . .] will take some Time to repair them, and [that we] here being of Opinion that Her arrival may be as soon if she departs hence the end of Janry as if she was to proceed directly. We shall therefore recommend to Capt. Grierson to wait for any further instructions You may have for Mr. Hunter which we hope You will approve.

The Military have been landed and the Serjeant delivering us a pay Roll for December due to the Detachment, We have complied therewith, and shall debt Account Current Fort St. George for the Same and observing an Increase in the Pay to the Men belonging to the Train we have ordered our own also to receive the same from the 1st. of next Month. The pay Master's accounts Current with the Detachment is enclosed and the stoppages will remain in his hands till your Orders relating thereto.

Vizagapatam
31st. December 1753.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your mo. obedt. hble Servats
George Pigot.
Saml. Banks.
J. L. Smith.

No. 10.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have already wrote you by this conveyance and send this a part to inclose Copy of a Letter from the Rajah Viziaram rauze which cover'd the several Letters [. . .] Provinces of My [. . .] Elore, Rajahmundrum & Chickacul said to be granted to the French, these were soon follow'd by a Letter from the Nabob, which with Copies of the before mentioned and our answers to each comes inclosed.

Your Honour &ca. will believe by what we wrote the 23d. November that We were well satisfied the Rajah had a long time been tampering with the French. We are therefore the less surprized at his now taking off the mask. But his Neighbourhood to Us together with the desire we had of remaining in Peace, made us still continue our civility to him and refuse the Nabob all manner of assistance. Nay to this Hour many of the Rajah's Women and Relations are in our Town.

Your Honour &c^a^. can alone enable us to answer fully the Nabob's Letter, His family we believe you will approve of our protecting, and when we have discoursed with his son, we will write to you Express, for the present we will only add our promises to act in the most prudent manner we are able, with our request for two or three Subaltern Officers, the want of which We feal the greater as Capt. Crompton's ill state of health often confines him.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your m^o^. obed^t^. hble Servant[s]
GEORGE PIGOT.
SAMUEL BANKS.
J. L. SMITH.

VIZAGAPATAM
31ST. DECEMBER 1753.

[*Intervening Letters missing.*]

No. 78.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Nothing having happened material since my last to your Honour &c^a^. this serves to enclose the acc^ts^. of this Place for the past Month.

I am with the greatest esteem
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient & most
obliged hble Servant
JOHN ANDREWS.

BANDARMLKA
4TH. APRIL 1754.

No. 79.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your favours of the 8th. & 11th. Instant have been duely reced and all your Command shall be strictly Obeyed.

In regard to the Investment Your Honr. &ca. recommend that none but Chially Cloth shall be provided & that it be at one Pagoda and half cheaper in a Corge than the Prices at Fort St. David. There are wove in the Chially Country Long Cloth of 12 & 9 Call the first to be had at Sixty three Pagodas & a half ℔ Corge & the other at Forty six & a half but in what Proportion these rates are with those given at Fort St. David Your Honr. &ca. must be the best Judges as you have not been pleased to communicate to me at what Price it is purchased there. Of these two Specie of cloth alone, Ornachilum Moodily the Chially Merchant promises to bring in for the first Year six hundred Corge and to encrease the Quantity every year after wards. There are in the Bale sent you musters of these two sorts, which if your Honour &ca. approve of I will immediately contract for that quantity.

As the Charges & Expences on account of Detachments Expeditions &c^{a}. had been all along brought under the two heads Your Honour &c^{a}. take Notice of, I thought it a practice you had approved of as I had received no Intelligence from M^{r}. Dawson or any one that had been here before me to the contrary But as you have now been pleased to direct a different Method, I shall punctually pursue it in future and regulate all the past accounts agreable to the Modell you direct to be observed.

The Reverend M^{r}. Robt. Palk arrived on our Hoñble Masters Sloop Dragon the 13th. Instant and on the 15th. in the morning set out for Tanjore. On receipt of your Honour &c^{a}. favour of the 8th. I Immediately communicated the Contents of it so far as related to Mehoffus Cawn to Major Lawrence and set about fixing Harcarrahs from hence to Syringham Pagoda and to Mahoffus Cawn's Camp, both for intelligence of the Enemy's motions & those of Mahoffus Cawns Army that I might be able to send him all necessary & timely Notice for his safety, and dispatch'd a Letter to him on the subject to open a Correspondence of that Nature but I have not yet heard one sillable from him or Ensign Paccard as soon as they arrive to join the Command that are still waiting for him Here, I shall put in execution Your orders concerning the return of that Detachment to [*remaining portion lost*].

N°. 80.

TO THE HOÑBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^{R}.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have been favoured with your Letters of the 8th. Instant containing Your sentiments on our late annual address, as likewise on such parts of our former Letters as were before omitted. In a few days We shall acquaint you with our Merchants proposals regarding the Current Years Investment and as soon as We receive your permission for making them any Advances Your Honour &c^{a}. may be confident our Honest and diligent Endeavours will not be wanting to forward that Work to the utmost extent our abilities will admit. All We have now to offer for your Consideration is the Ballances that are due to Irshapa Chitty & Linga Chitty which as you have directed us to cease for the present all further payments to our Merchants without your previous Notice We do not venture to discharge even these sums without first obtaining Your Permission, the Amount of the former is Pagodas 3226. 31. 62 and the latter Pagodas 2457. 3. 66. We might have hoped these would have given You sufficient proof of our Care to reduce all Debts at the end of the Year as scarce an Instance appears before us where the Merchants Ballances have gone home in their favour. It is a thing We cannot always promise therefore must express our disappointment that neither this or any other of our performances have drawn from you a Word of Approbation. Our Reasons for the overlateness of our general Books have been already given you which We are sorry to find have had so little Weight. And as to the annual Address We have only to the Presidency on the Dragon now at S^{t}. David as I imagin'd Your Honour &c^{a}. would rather approve of her being employed in the meantime by carrying Piles for the use of that settlement than letting her lye idle, I shall also observe to fill her up with that Article on her Return to Madrass with the Detachment & send no more on freight till I have your orders for it.

The Rule you have laid down for my future Proceedings in respect to the Military & Seapoys that are to be kept on this Establishment I shall constantly make my guide. But I humbly presume at the same time that your Honour

&c[a]. don't mean by it that no more shall be entertained though on acc[t]. of the Nabob when the strength of our Enemy in the Neighbourhood shall make it appear that so inconsiderable a Number are hardly sufficient defence for the Fort only, much less to prevent the total destruction of the extensive Limits belonging to it. But nevertheless Your Hon[r]. &c[a]. may be perfectly assured that as well in this as in all other Respects Your Determination shall have an Implicit Obedience paid to it.

Inclosed are the monthly accounts for March and I beg leave to subscribe myself with the utmost Respect

DEVE COTAH — HON͠BLE SIR & SIRS

18TH. APRIL 1754. — Your most obed[t]. & most h͠ble Serv[t].

CHARLES HOPKINS.

[*Pages missing in the original.*]

Your Petitioners humbly implore that some reasonable allowance may be made them in Consideration of their many heavy losses and to take the present Years harvest for the Company and allow them their Duty which will in duty bind your Worship &c[as]. Petitioners.

EVER TO PRAY.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL RICHARD STARKE ESQ[R].
DEPUTY GOVERNOR &C[A]. COUNCIL OF
FORT S[T] DAVID.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE RENTERS OF TREVENDAPORUM

SHEWETH

Your Worship &c[a]. have been pleased to think proper to order Your Petitioners should take an Oath for the loss by the harvest of 1753 but they take leave to acquaint Your Worships &c[a]. the Tenor of that Oath is so Extraordinary that there never has been a precedency in Fort St. David tendered on the Company's account to any of their Merch[ts]. Reddys & Farmers, & which as it will degrade their Resolutions as Persons of Credit it is impossible for them to take it therefore they humbly beg such an oath may be administer'd as is usual to the Company's Merchants Reddy's & Farmers both for the Loss they sustain'd on the Harvest 1753 as well the present harvest 1754 which will in Duty bind your Worship &c[a's]. Petitioners.

EVER TO PRAY.

INDENT of Cloathing for the Sick in Cuddalore Hospital.

Shirts	600
Long Drawers	600
Quilts	600
Caps	300
Gowns	300
Pillows	350

The reasons of this Indent being [. . . .] are that no Cloaths being provided last year [. . . .] worn out, that the Numbers of Patients in the Hospital being never less than one hundred who must have clean Cloaths

three times a Week it makes it necessary to have six suits of Cloathing three to be in use while the other Three are with the Washer man who can return them but once a week.

FORT ST. DAVID
13TH. MAY 1754.

TYSO SAMUEL HANCOOK.

No. 96.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We wrote you this day by the Fort St. David and this is purposely to enclose you list of the Military on the Northumberland Snow, consisting of One Lieutenant, One Serjeant, Two Corporals & eighteen Private Topasses, an account of what pay they are to receive from you and of provisions suplied them here.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants

BOMBAY CASTLE
25TH. APRIL 1754.

RICHARD BOURCHIER.
JOHN SEWELL.
[. . . .]
WILLIAM SEDGWICKE.
[. . . .]
THOMAS BYFELD.
[. . . .]
W. A. PRICE.

No. 97.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR OF FORT ST. GEORGE.
&CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

All Affairs this Way have been and are at present in a state of constant agitation and occasion such a quick circulation of Inteligence that I have not been able for some Days past to lay down my pen or give the least attention to any thing else. This I flatter myself will be accepted by your Honour &ca. as a reasonable excuse for having not yet paid the Respect that is due to your favour of the 8th. Instant & for entreating Your Patience a day or two longer in regard both to that and the Monthly Accounts, & suffer me in the meantime to represent to your Honour &ca. that Capt. Pigou's command marched this morning in consequence of an order from the Major & the urgent necessity of things & the Enemy Our Neighbours have a force greatly superiour to ours a large body of them are this Instant posted on the other side the River & lye there ready to cross over and make inroads into our Limits & destroy our Villages as soon as he is gone Your Honour &ca. will be pleased to permit me to encrease both our Military & Seapoys as the means present themselves for our defence, according to the occasion I may discover for it, or direct hither such a reinforcement as you shall judge proper, as [. . .] Military, by being garbled by every detachment [. . .] this way, are become nothing better

than Invalids & the whole place one great Hospital—I also beg to know if your Honour &c[a]. will permit me to repair the Defences that were thrown up at the different Passes but greatly decayed to prevent the Enemy from penetrating to the Fort.

I have not time to add more as Intelligence is just come in that the Enemy are crossing the River over to our side with some horse amongst them, but that with all imaginable Respect

I am

DEVE COTAH
21ST. MAY 1754.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient & most obliged
hble Ser[vt.]
CHARLES HOPKIN[S].

No. 98.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I hope I shall not incur your Honour &c[a]. displeasure by having deferr'd so long replying to your favour of the 8th. Instant as it has been entirely owing to the great variety of Incidents I have been forced closely to attend to for some time past occasioned by the unsteady & disturbed state of Affairs.

Your Honour &c[a]. will no doubt think me lying equally open to Imposition with the rest of Mankind and consequently to give wrong Names & Titles to things from Misinformation of others & therefore stand the better excused, if I have placed the Produce of one Country to the Credit of another which it seems I have been guilty of by assigning to Chellumbrum the Long Cloth of twelve Call at Sixty three Pagodas and a half ℔ Corge that I am told was really made in Cheally itself or within the limits of it, not but Long Cloth of the same Number of threads was & perhaps still is made in several other places besides Cheally. There is also made there Long Cloth of Nine Call at Pagodas forty five & three quarters ℔ Corge and Salempores of twelve Call at twenty seven & seven Eights; In obedience however to your Honour &c[a]'s. Command I shall address the Gentlemen at St. David on the subject, and communicate their answer as to Charges upon the Cloth only be pleased to admit it be equally laid on Goods provided at St. David & this Place, I flatter myself that your Honour &c[a]. will then allow that the Difference of the first cost will hold on for ever. In Regard to Godown Rent is quite chimerical because I am apprehensive that the Investment at this Place will not so suddenly be encreased as to require more room than three sides of the Virando of this Choultry especially as it cannot be supposed that any great Number of Bales will be suffered to lye here long, and as to any Expences on account of servants it must be very trifling whilst We can make Packers good enough out of Lascars for brown goods, no others being to be had here for want of Washermen Dressers &c[a].

Mr. Dawson having taken with him all the monthly Papers from the 18th. March 1752 to Ulto. September 1753 to form & bring up the Books to that Time [. . . .] lye in my Power to do more in obedience to your Honour [. . . .] regarding that article, than to rectifie, the Monthly Accounts since, conformable to the Model, You have been pleased to prescribe. I must therefore intreat that your Honour [. . . .] will direct them to be compleated and sent me as soon as they conveniently can, that those ending last April 1753(?) may be brought forward.

The Limits of this Settlement are so extensive, [and] Experience has proved, that when an Enemy is vigilant the Number of Military and Seapoys Your Honour &ca. hath been pleased to limit for the Garrison of it, are by no means sufficient to preserve it from Insults, were they much [. . . .] than they are, after the garbling has gone through, by three or four detachments & the Numbers that are constantly draughting off on account of Escorts to Officers & stores that are called away to Camp, by which Means & the sick & wounded. We have at present very few above two hundred seapoys left for our Defence Our Insufficiency in this Respect was fully manifested the Day before yesterday, Upon [*pages in the original volume missing*].

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The Trevendaporum Renters having been again called upon absolutely refuse to take the prescribed Oath the Reasons they assign declining it will appear by one of the Enclosed Petitions, which we transmit you by their particular Desire, tho' We look upon them to be very little to the purpose and at best but a repetition of their former remonstrance. We request you will favour us with your further directions how to proceed in this affair, which when we are acquainted with shall immediately be put in Execution.

Mr. Hancock has delivered us an Indent of Cloathing for the use of Cuddalore Hospital which being to a Considerable Amount, We don't care to comply with without your approbation, therefore enclose it for your Perusal.

We are with great Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servants
RICHARD STARKE.
THOMAS COOKE.
HUGH MORRIS.
[. . .]
RICHARD FAIRFIELD.

FORT ST. DAVID
22D. MAY 1754.

[ ]
TO THE WORSHIPFULL RICHARD STARKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. DAVID.

THE HBLE PETITION OF THE RENTERS OF TREVENDAPM.

SHEWETH

That from November 1752 to August 1753 the Villages of Trevendaporum have fell a Prey to the Enemy which your Petitioners have from Time to Time reported with account of their Losses and since 1753 have related the great miseries they have undergone by plundering of their Cattle &ca. also gave an acct. of what was saved of the Produce.

Your Petitioners now take liberty to remind your Worship &ca. they took the Cowle on Conditions and promise of being protected from the Molestation of any Enemys & borrow'd large sums to carry [. . .] Farm but besides their loss of their Cattle & Effects [. . .] Morattas carry'd away & destroy'd to the amount of 17000 Pagodas of Grain.

Lately your Worship sent round the Villages Two Persons to survey the crop on the Ground who have estimated, it to be about Pagodas [.] 50 which [sum] Your Petitioners suppose notwithstanding their [. . .] losses your Worship &ca. mean to demand from your Petitioners but that sum from the last bad Harvest they have been obliged with other sums borrowed to [. . .] towards the current Harvest which will be much reduced by 3 large Villages between Pondicherry [and] Tritchinop'ly being destroyed and whose Grounds [. . .] fallow & but a part of the other Village's grounds occupyed as some 1/3 and some $\frac{1}{4}$ part, therefore the produce for the present Year cannot answer the Cowl[e].

Besides this your Petitioners have had a very sensible loss this running year by the Morattoes las[t] driving away their cattle which notwithstanding [his] intercession they recovered but 2/3d. of them how mischivous these Morattas have been your worship &ca. are not in [. . .] by their plundering & laying waste the Villages at Fort St. David.

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[*Previous portion lost*] ready to have waited on by this Conveyance if they had not been retarded by a want of the St. David adjustmts. which however the Worshipfull Deputy Govr. gives me hopes of receiving every hour. In the meantime I beg leave to subscribe myself with the greatest Respect

DEVE COTAH
20 SEPTR. 1754.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient & most humble Servant
CHA. HOPKINS.

No. 177.

TO THE HONBLE THOS. SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have reced your favours of the 14th. & 17th. Ulto. & shall reply fully thereto in a few days.

The Deputy Govr. in consequence of your Orders quarter'd his Majestys Troops in Cuddalore, Lieut. Coll. Bagshaw immediately desir'd to have the Command of that Garrison during his stay there which was com[plied] with as there was a precedent for it in Mr. Floyer's Gover[nmt.] when a Batalion of Independants were quartered there besides it was apprehended the King's & Compy's Troops might have disagreed, which would have been attended with continual Disturbances. But as your Honour &ca. in your Letter of the 17th. direct us not to suffer them to carry any Command in the Compy's districts, We must request your farther directions as we are apprehensive it will be difficult to make Lieutt. Coll. Bagshaw relinquish the command of Cuddalore now he is in Possession of it. We are with Respect

FORT ST. DAVID
22D. SEPTR. 1754.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your mo. obedt. hble Servts.
RICHD. STARKE.
THOS. COOKE.
HUGH MORRIS.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.

No. 178.

TO THE HONBLE THOS. SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This day our Honble Master's Ship Kent imported here wth. Coll. Adlercron on board she has brought a Packet for your Honr. &ca. which we send by this Chelinga. The ship will be dispatch'd as soon as the Troops & Stores are landed.

As there is a considerable charge of Boat & Cooley hire landing the Provisions & Military Stores which his Majestys Officers do not seem willing to pay. We must request your directions on this head.

We are with respect

FORT ST. DAVID
23D. SEPTR. 1754.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. humble Servants
RICHARD STARKE.
THOS. COOKE.
HUGH MORRIS.
[. . . .]
RICHARD FAIRFIELD.

No. 179.

TO THE HONBLE THOS. SAUNDERS
PRESIDT. & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Commands of the 22d. Ulto. came to hand last night. This is chiefly to enclose the accounts for last Month, in a few days more I shall dispatch a vessell with what Bales I have & am

INGERAM
10TH. SEPTR. 1754.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. Servt.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

C.O. Bales	.. ..	223
C.F.	.. .. ..	37
IZZsp	.. .. ..	5
	Ba ..	265

No. 180.

TO THE HONBLE THOS. SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This waits on your Honor &ca. by Sloop George Capt. Thos. Reason by whom I have sent 93 Bales of Cloth on account of the Honble Compy as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading inclosed as the Money came to me late & it is necessary to turn out a great deal of Cloth, in order to bring the Merchants & Weavers to a better sortment I have chose to send only what Cloth was povided before that time, but hope by January to invest what Money you shall think proper to send me in such Goods as may prove satisfactory the fine Izzarees are making & shall be sent wth. the next Cloth. Herewith comes the Accts. of this Place for the last Month, & a Dup: Set of Books.

I am wth. the greatest Esteem

BANDAR MLKA
3RD. SEPTR. 1754.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt & mo. obliged hble
Servant
JOHN ANDREWS.

No. 181.

To the Honble Thos. Saunders Esqr.

Presidt. & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We are concerned to find that our Report of the tents has not proved satisfactory & beg leave to assure you that we have taken all possible Pains to come at the truth, tho' without success, our Secretary demanded all the vouchers relating to those made by Mr. St. Paul of his Widow, her answer comes enclosed by which you'l observe she denies having any other Vouchers than the Indents & indeed it is our Opinion he kept no regular accounts as none were found amongst his papers at his Death. The Taylor can give no account how much each Tent cost as the Cooleys employed were paid daily & not so much each Tent, however, we suppose the Taylor's Cooley must have been pretty near the same here as at Madrass.

Our Export Wareho. Kr. in answer to your Commands for paying for the torn & damaged cloth delivered in a Letter (Copy of which comes enclosed) by which you will observe he does not chuse to comply either in paying for it or being answerable for the Conicoplies & declines taking charge of any more Cloth till you determine the affair he likewise refuses to assist at Consultation, by which your Honor &ca. may see the Necessity of coming to a speedy Resolution, as there is cloth in the Merchants hands wch. considering the lateness of the Season it is high time should be sorted which it's not possible to do till Mr. Cooke resumes his Employ. We must take the Liberty to assure your Honor &ca. we are of his Opinion in regard to the impossibility of procuring a Conicoply of sufficient Credit to give reasonable Security for the Goods that must necessarily come under his Charge.

We must once more request to be supplied with Fanams as soon as possible as the Scarcity of them occasions great Complaints from his Majesty's Troops.

We have enquired of Lieutt. Davies concerning the Money found amongst Capt. Chace's Effects, he says, it could not have been the Compy's as the Money for the Payment of Trividy Garrison was left with him & was all expended before the Place was taken.

We have acquainted Cootah with your determination in regard to his Cowle for the weighing & measuring Dutys & his contended [*sic*] to pay three hundred Pags. ℘ annum. He has promised to deliver in a particular Acct. of the Debts annexed to his Petition.

There are several French Deserters here who demand either to be entertain'd in the service or to have Passports to go to the Dutch or elsewhere, which we do not care to grant without your Directions, as we are apprehensive of Danger in having many in the service at this time when our Garrison is so Weak & such a Number of Prisoners in the Fort.

Coll. Adlercron has desired each detachment of his Regiment may be victuall'd 14 days after their arrival & to have the Kings Hospital furnished with Provisions constantly we informed him He should acquaint you with his Request & continue to supply him till we reced your Orders.

Lieutt. Coll Bogshan & Major Lovett have deliver'd in each a Litter which they desire may be forwarded to you, representing their Incapacity of doing duty with Horses or Pallankeens in Garrison, they are both highly displeased at not having allowed as well a separate table for each, looking upon it as a dishonour to be quarter'd upon the Coll. indeed they seem to be displeased at all the Instructions we have reced concerning them, as you have directed us to supply them with Palankeens & Horses when they take the Field We imagine it would be proper to set about providing them immediately as it will take up some time to get them ready especially Horses.

Coll. Adlercron informed the Depty Govr. it was his Majestys Instructions to him to command all the Compy's Troops and Garrisons in Consequence of which he desired the Returns of this Garrison might be made to him & that he expected to give the Parole at S^t. David the Depty Govr. informed him he could not comply with his Demand without his Superiors Orders, by this your Honour &c^a. may judge what a difficult task We shall have to keep up to your Instructions, of not letting them have any command in the Compy's Districts as they seem to think they have a right to command everything.

Lieut^t. Thos. Browne departed this Life yesterday morning.

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your m^o. obed^t. hble Serv^ts.
Robt. Sloper.
Hugh Norris.
Rich^d. Starke.
Rich^d. Fairfield.

Fort S^t. David
26th. Septr. 1754.

To M^r. Rich^d. Fairfield.
Secret^y. at Fort St. David.

Sir

I reced your favour of the 22^d. Instant wherein you request of me by order of the Depty Govr. & Council all Papers relating to the Tents made up in the time of my deceased Husband for the use of the Honble Compy wherein I must take leave to desire you will assure the Depty Governor &c^a. Council, that I have neither Papers nor Vouchers in my hands any further than the Indents he received which were delivered to the Military Storeh^o. Conicoplys to be kept by them as Vouchers.

I remain
Sir
Your most obed^t. hble servant
Cath^a. Johnna S^t. Paul.

Fort S^t. David
24th. Septr. 1754.

To the Worshipfull Rich^d. Starke Esqr.
Depty Govr. &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. David.

Worshipfull Sir & Sirs

Having perused the Honble Presid^t. & Councils Commands to you bearing date the 18th. Inst. respecting a quantity of damaged Cloth reced from this Settlement in the Month of March last wch. in compliance with a standing order from our Honble Masters as therein quoted, they are pleased at all Events solely to take paying the amount, I cannot but be filled with, the greatest concern to find them still persevere in a Sentiment so little thought or deserv'd by me, however as what they have directed affects me particularly, I take leave to represent you with the needfull in my Vindication requesting a Copy of the same may be forwarded to them under your Cover.

On the 25th. Janry I returned from Camp so extremely ill I was unable to move from my bed but by help in which sad condition I remain'd till the latter end of March without amendment consequently unable to attend any sort of Duty in my Employ all that while or did I appear at one Consultation as will appear by referring thereto, in this interim all that Parcell of Brown Cloth was brought in, stored & accepted, by Gentlemen who were equally empower'd in that Branch of Business with myself. This the Original sorting Books already sent them will evidently prove both with Respect to time & Person.

The Representations your Worship &c^a^. have already made to this Purpose I promised myself would have been more attentively considered & have saved me the Necessity I find I am now under of answering a complaint so obvious to Reflection. I could not have had a finger concern'd in, or can any thing in that Affair tend towards me than merely that I bore the name of Export Warehouse-kr. but to this I would only pray a moments recollection, when the ordering me to Camp, keeping me there for several Months and afterwards making me answerable for what passed in my Absence, will doubtless appear an act too cruel & inhuman to be either imagin'd or suspected or can I think the Hon̄ble President and Council who are so well acquainted with the Paralel I bear to that case will ever insist on a Sentence so unnatural both to Law & Conscience; however that it is not exactly as I have mentioned I am ready to acknowledge that I was not in Camp when those Bales were brought into the Godown is certainly true, the Contrary appears in the beginning of my Letter, to wit " On the 25th. Janry I returned " But if the feeble Condition I returned in do at all merit a spice of consideration it cannot but convince them I was no more capable of attending the Business of my Employ, Than if I had remain'd at Trichinoply & in effect is most plainly to be proved by the Consultations & sorting Book that I was equally absent. The standing Order they have inserted I have now perused but as I can declare upon Oath if necessary that I never before heard or knew a syllable of it, Equity I trust will ever be ready to relieve me of all consequences from a Rule I was never acquainted with or even had Opportunity, (my Situation being generally such) of perusing had I been ever so desirous of it: It therefore adds not a little to my Concern to observe their Honor &ca's. Commands making me answerable are formed so immediately from a Circumstance I was ever before ignorant of the sense of which I would however recommend to their farther Digestion thereon persuading myself that till the Conicopoly is proved guilty It will appear to have no affinity with the Point in question since neither fraud, nor Fault are yet to be alledged against him by any other Authority than bare suggestion, whether this be sufficient Grounds to make me accountable for a sum so considerable I appeal to their impartial Opinion; expressing only my Concern to find the most likely cause to wch. these damages can be attributed (I mean the well known indifferent vessells on wch. the Bales were sent) should prove a circumstance so little deserving any share in it as to be declared by them very improbable, notwithstanding what has been set forth by your Worship &ca. relative thereto. I relye however they will on a more serious reflection be convinced (as no thorough Examination was made into it for many months after the Bales were landed), no Certainty can be had to the Contrary. They will also be sensible in cases where Goods are protested it is always done immediately while the truth is plain and indisputable. Nevertheless had it been so done I must remark that I never engaged to stand to any Damages arising in the Investment or any other Business nor did I expect it would be requir'd of me unless authentically proved to proceed from my own particular neglect, which too clearly appears in this Instance can be no ways deem'd the Case. Another Agreement made use of by their Honor &ca. & which I am indispensably bound to endeavour to invalidate runs thus " It would be very unreasonably to turn it " upon the Merchants hands for after it has undergone the usual Examination & is out of their Custody they are no longer chargeable." The Contrary of this is manifestly proved from Custom old as the Investment & which the Merchants-themselves cannot offer to deny that is all Brown Cloth after being sorted & accepted in the Godown is from that Instant delivered into the Warehouse-keepers Custody & becomes his Charge. Nevertheless after it comes to be dispersed amongst the Washers if at the opening of it efore it is put into water, any Number of Pieces appear to be either torn or damaged & all thō the said Cloth has pass'd the Compy's Chop such pieces be they to whatsoever Number have ever been laid aside and returned back to the Merchants who have always delivered a like Number of Sound Pieces in their room Instances of this I have many to produce since my own time both here and at Madrass & I make no

doubt preceding Wareho.kr's. the same in plain I affirm it to an Engagement they have been ever under, and what they have never yet scrupled to submit to provided only the Cloth has passed no Operation in the Washers hands which I apprehend cannot be said of any one Piece now in question, at least not while remained in my Custody. To add more in conviction of this Plea must I am persuaded be thought superfluous therefore shall content myself with requesting It may be sum'd up with all the rest of my Defence, submitting the Whole with the utmost submission and confidence to their Honour &ca's. candid Judgement I now return to lay before you what more concerns me in respect to the standing order they have transmitted, which as I am now & not till now acquainted with, it becomes me either to submit or declare the contrary, I therefore take upon me to do accordingly, acquaintg. you that I judge it absolutely impossible to procure any Conicopoly in this Place capable of giving a suitable Security to the amount of Goods that must fall into his charge, it is a thing I did long since on my own accord endeavor at witht. Effect, and I am convinced no Black Merchant in this Place will engage in it, or is there scarce one in these Days to be found of sufficient substance some 40 or 50 Years ago when this Order likely took it's date & India abounded with Rich Familys it might if ever have been dispensed & complied with however no Instance thereof is known here to this day & I apprehend can not by any means he now introduced Conicopolys are nevertheless absolutely necessary & tho in the present case no Proof appears against them That it will always be so is more than I can take upon me to answer for, It is not to be imagin'd that my Eyes can be always upon them & consequently unreasonable I should be accountable for any Practices they may be seduced by Bribery or otherwise behind my Back, more especially with Respect to Calicoes which undergoe so many Hands in different Operations as render it impossible, to come under the Warehouse Lock & Key for many Months after Acceptance, and for these Reasons I beg permission to declare I will neither be accountable for their actions or any other Assistt. under me therefore as this is the first Notice I have recd of such standing Order, if it is expected that I abide thereby I do now make it my earnest Request, that the Honble Presidt. & Council will be pleased to procure me a Person upon the Necessary security or otherwise bear me harmless as to any Errors or Abuses that such People may commit in either which Case I am both ready and desirous of continuing the Employ and will contribute all possible care in my Power to prevent Embezzlement or Imposition altho' I have little room to doubt but one of these will be thought reasonable. Nevertheless as I am desirous to avoid any future address on this subject I must here take leave to add if I am so unfortunate as not to meet with their Honor &ca's. Compliance or Digestion, I do then & in that Case only, make it my Entreaty that another Wareho. kr. be directly appointed & I relieved hereby declaring myself in no Capacity of Circumstances to engage in such security & unanswerable for any Facts, that may be committed in the interim my Destiny afterwards I commit readily to their Honour &ca's. disposal remarking only before I conclude the Necessity for a speedy decision in consideration of the late Season & Quantity of Cloth now laying with the Merchts. ready for acceptance besides what more may be shortly expected. Hitherto we have waited for their approval of the Musters but the Difficultys I am under from their Commands now recd affords a fresh Impediment in the carrying on that Business as I must & do beg to be excused taking another Piece of Cloth into my Custody till I am discharged of all Claim & the Grounds I am to act on set on easier footing, The Present being such as I can neither answer to myself or my securitys in England. I am with Respect

FORT ST. DAVID
23D. SEPTR. 1754

WORSHIPFUL SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servant
THOMAS COOKE.

CUDDALORE
24th. Septr. 1754.

GENTLEMEN

Being desired to represent a second time to the Prest. & Council of Madrass the conveniencys I want to make my situation in this Country comfortable to me I can only add to what I have said before On this subject, that I only want such Conveniencys (in the number of which is a Horse & the Palankeen just taken away from me) as will best enable me to serve the Compy, that I think I deserve such conveniences & if they are not allowed the Compy must be satisfied with such service as I can do without them.

I have the honour to be
GENTLEMEN
Your most obedient & faithfull
Servant
SAMUEL BAGSHAW.
Lt. Col. to the 39th. Regimt.
of Foot.

TO THE HONBLE THE PREST. & COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

By a Message I have this Day reced from Govr. Starke that if I make use of a Horse or Palanqueen I must pay for it out of my subsistance which as I am situated I can never submit to, I beg leave to lay before you the following and that with the greatest Expedition you will Transmit it to Madras, that it is impossible for a Major to discharge his Duty without a Carriage of some kind (generally a Horse) & by his not being able to immediately put orders into Execution the greatest Military Misfortunes may ensue I will not trouble with more than to acquaint you that in all countrys the Majors of the several Regiments are allowed largely for the appointments their Commission oblidges them to have.

If I have not the same Indulgence here I can only assure you that I will to the utmost of my Power on foot discharge the Duty of Major to Coll Adlercron's Regiment I think my other Appointments are far short to one of my Rank but as this is Personal I don't mind it, but my other demand the Publick Cause is in question, on which Account I make no doubt but that you will recommend it in the strongest Terms to the Govr. &ca. at Madras, & that they will immediately order such assistance as will enable to execute my Duty agreable to my Instructions.

TO RICHD. STARKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVR. OF FORT ST. DAVID & THE COUNCIL THERE.

I am
GENTLEMEN
Your most obedt. hble Servant
VERNEY LOVETT.
Majr.

FORT. ST. DAVIDS
24TH. SEPTR. 1754.

No. 182.

To the Honble Thos. Saunders Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have duly recēd your several favors of the 16th. April 8th. & 16th May 16th. 26th. & 30th. June which we shall defer replying to particularly till the next conveyance when we purpose sending your Honor &ca. a Packet to be by you forwarded by the Colchester to Europe.

We embrace this Opportunity chiefly to request your Honor &ca. will send us what may remain of the consignments of Treasure intended for our Presidency (on the Receipt of this Letter) in Arcot Rupees that Specie being at present in the greatest demand in our Settlement, should we find that demand continue & that it will be necessary to alter the Dispositions we before desired our Treasure might be consign'd us in, We shall duly acquaint your Honor &ca. therewith.

Your Honour &ca. having indented for 3000 Bags of Salt Petre we purpose sending you that Quantity in one of our Honble Masters ships of this Season on board which we shall likewise lade what may remain of the other Stores indented for & fill up her Tonnage with Grain provided there be not a scarcity this season.

The St. George Capt. Robinson arrived here the [*Lacuna*] Ulto. The treasure consigned us by her has been landed & turns out short 2 MRs.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servants

Fort Willm.
15th. Augt. 1754.

Roger Drake Junr.
Edward Holwel.
Cruttenden.
C. Manningham.
Richard Becker.
Paul Richard Pearkes.
Will. Frankland.
M. Collet.
Will. Macket.
J. Z. Holwell.

No. 183.

To the Honble Thos. Saunders Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have laden on board the Colchester on acct. of the Honble Compy sundry Teak Timbers & Plank as ℔ the accompanying Invoice & Bill of Lading. The Quantity vastly deficient of what your Honors might reasonably expect for which I am now to account.

The several sorts of large Timbers & Plank mention'd in the Indent which accompanied your Honors order of the 12th. April I was not able to procure after the strictest Enquiry & search as such were not then in Batavia. But to compensate in the best Manner I was able for this disappointment I did intend to have purchased a larger Quantity of such as was to be had which I

judged would be more agreable to your Honours than bringing back the Money you was pleased to entrust me with. But herein I met with greater difficultys than I could have foreseen or prevented, arising from a continuance of blowing Weather by which many of the Rafts in going on board were drove away & entirely lost & such as were recovered attended with a very considerable Expence. By these accidents I got but little on board, tho I employed the best of my Abilitys for that Purpose till such time as the Ship was ready for sailing & as your Honor's were pleas'd to order me not to make a Longer Stay than I could possibly avoid, & considering how late my Return would be to the Coast, I thought it most prudent to sail & I hope in this & upon all other occasions, that my proceedgs. may be such as will meet with your Honrs. approbation that I may have ye. Honr. to remain

BATAVIA

3D. SEPTR. 1754.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your mo. obedt. hble Servt.

ROGER MAINWARING.

No. 184.

TO THE HONBLE THOS. SAUNDERS ESQR.

PRESIDT. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

His Majesty's Stores & Provisions being all landed from our Honble Masters Ship Kent we now dispatch her to your Honor &ca. We are with Respect

FORT ST. DAVID

29TH. SEPTR. 1754.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your mo. obedt. hble servts.

RICHD. STARKE.

HUGH NORRIS.

ROBERT SLOPER.

RICHD. FAIRFIELD.

No. 185.

MOCHA AUGT. 22D. 1754

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

As our Expectations of Mr. Holmes's arrival from Juddah from whom we should have had a sufficient supply of Money have hitherto been disappointed we are reduced to the Necessity of drawing on Madras, for $ 24,000 in favor of Capt. Sinley at 5 days sight which as it will be apply'd to the Acct. of the Honble Compy we hope you will honor with Payment. We have leave to draw for any sums upon Bby but the Merchts. here have it not in their Power to answer our demands, we are quite at a loss for the cause of the long stay of both Mr. Griffith & Mr. Holmes particularly as there have been no late advices, at least not made publick, from Judda.

we are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most obedient Servants

JAMES WALLER.

JAMES COLLINSON.

RICHD. NELLY.

P.S.—The above 24,000 $ are to be paid in new Phillip at 88 vizt. 19 dwts. ℔ 100 $.

We shall leave this Place on the 24th.

No. 186.

THE HONBLE THOS. SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL CF
FORT ST. DAVID [*sic*].

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have reced your favours of the 18th. & 23d. ℔ London & Britannia & 25th. & 27th. Ulto. ℔ Peons.

We shall comply with your Instructions in regard to sorting the Cloth & keeping the turn'd out in case of Necessity to [be] resorted at an abatement. We observe you direct us to send up all the Bales we may have ready by these Ships but it is impossible for us to Expect to have any cured for this dispatch, there being but 48 delivered to the Washers & 12 blue We must therefore request your directions whether you will have it sent up brown.

His Majesty's Train being in great want of Tumbrills without which it is impossible for them to take the field & as it will take up a considerable time to make as many as they want, We must beg you will send us as many as you can spare.

We are in great want of the stores indented for some time ago, particularly Timber & Plank without which it will be impracticable to comply with the Indents from Camp for Gun Carriages &ca.

Capt. Campbell has resigned his Commission & desired Liberty to go to Madras, which we have refused till we receive your Orders. We have appointed Lieut. Merryman to take charge of the Garrison till some Person is sent to take the Command.

We are with Respect,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your mo. obt. hble Servts.

FORT ST. DAVID
1ST. OCTR. 1754.

RICHD. STARKE.
HUGH NORRIS.
ROBT. SLOPER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.

No. 187.

TO MR. SAUNDERS GOVR. FOR THE HONBLE ENGLISH
COMPY, OF FORT ST. GEORRE & TO THE
GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL AT MADRAS.

SIR & SIRS

We have the honor to write this to advise you that an Officer of one of our ships carried off the Boat this Evening with five of her Crew. This Action being a private Theft & of infinite Consequence as an Example should it be left unpunish'd for it would expose your ships & ours every day to be left without Boats we beg Gentlemen that you will be pleased to give orders that

these People be returned to us whether they went to Madras or Fort St. David & We assure you Gentn. if such an Affair should happen on your Side We will not fail in like manner to send them to you. We are with Respect

[PONDICHERRY
2ND. OCTR. 1754.]

SIR & SIRS
Your most humble & most obedient servants
GODEHEU.
BARTHELEMY.
POURQUENOUS.
GODEHEU the Comr.
GUILLARD.
A. BOYELLEAU.
DELARCHE.
DU BARN.

No. 188.

TO THE HONBLE THOS. SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have laden on the Ganges some packs. Stuff & Baftaes for the use of your Presidency as ℔ Invoice and Bill of laden enclosed amog. to C.Rs. 5530.

We shall comply with the Remainder of your Indent by some other conveyances when we shall likewise send you a supply of Gun Powder.

Enclosed is a Packet for the Honble Compy a Duplicate of that we forwarded by the Cuddalore Sloop & are to request you will transmit to England by the ship you dispatch in Septr. should the Original not arrive in time otherwise by your Janry dispatch.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. hble Servts.

FORT WILLIAM
12TH. SEPTR. 1754.

ROGER DRAKE Junr.
E. H. CRUTTENDEN.
C. MANNINGHAM.
RICHD. BECKER.
M. COLLET.
PAUL RICHD. PEARKES.
W. FRANKLAND.
M. COLLET.
W. MACKET.
J. Z. HOLWELL.

No. 189.

TO THE HONBLE THOS. SAUNDERS ESQS.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have reced your favor of the first.

In compliance with your Commands we called upon Mr. Cooke to resume his Employs in answer to which he deliver'd in the enclosed Letter by which you will observe he declines doing it & submits to the Suspension; We have appointed Mr. Norris to take charge of them till we receive your Orders, which we request may be as expeditious as possible as it cannot be supposed he can give a due Attention to so many Branches of the Compy's Affairs.

We have made Enquiry for the blue Salempores you wrote for but there is none procurable at so short a warning.

Our Consultations & monthly Accts. for August now wait on your Honor &ca.

FORT ST. DAVID
5TH. OCTR. 1754.

We are with Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your mo. obedt Servts.
RICHD. STARKE.
HUGH NORRIS.
ROBT. SLOPER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL RICHD. STARKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRS

With the greatest concern I have perused the Honble Presidt. & Council's Commands contained in their Lre to your Board under date the 1st. Instant in answer to the Address I made you the 23d. Ulto. I therein made my Remonstrance so fully as it now leaves me nothing more to say, but that as it appears to be their will & Pleasure I should either stand suspended or make myself liable to answer for the Transaction of others I am in self Preservation constrain'd to submit to the former. Relying however that my case will be reconsidered by my honble Masters To whom if my long and faithfull Services will entitle me to that Indulgence I would request that the damag'd Cloth may be apprais'd. & the difference referr'd to their Opinion. Farther have not to add but that I wait your appointment of a Person to take Charge of my Employ and remain respectfully

FORT ST. DAVID
4TH. OCTR. 1754.

WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient hble Servts.
THOS. COOKE.

No. 190.

TO THE HONBLE THOS. SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

A few days since we wrote your Honr. &ca. a short Letter a Duplicate of which we now enclose, The York Capt. Edwd. Ward having since imported We are favored by her with your Letter of 27th. July.

Agreable to your request we shall relieve the Egmont from this Place & have accordingly station'd the Denham Capt. Meard upon that Service, of whose arrival we have just reced advice we shall take Care to supply Mr. Brooke with Necessarys & Refreshments by her.

We observe your Honor &c^{as}. Reasons for not complying with our Proposal for filling up a ship in Septr. We shall therefore dispatch home in the beginning of Decr. one of the ships of last Season compleatly laden from hence & send your Honor &c^{a}. another of them in Janry half laden to be filled up from your Presidency agreable to your request.

By the Permission given us this year by our Hoñble Masters in relation to the Quantity of Salt Petre to be laden on board of each Ship in order to return them as many as possible. We are in great hopes your Honor &c^{a}. may be able to compleat the Tonnage of two Ships in Jañry provided they were better than half laden from hence, which would be such apparent Benefit to our Hoñble Masters in preventing a large detention of their ships in India, that we dare say you will not be want^{g}. in your utmost endeavors to effect it, of which we request you will give us the earliest Notice your Honor &c^{a}. can as well as what Quantity of surplus Pepper the Geñt at Bencoolen are likely to have that We may proceed to the appointment of proper ships for such Purposes.

When Col^{l}. Scott proceeded to your Presidency it was necessary the sloop he took his Passage on should be put entirely under his Direction but as we expected he would have had the Command of your Forces in the Field given him on his Arrival we concluded the sloop would have been put under your Hon^{r}. &c$^{a's}$. direction & therefore desired you to return her hither as soon as possible.

We observe M^{r}. Brooke has inform'd your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. that we had indented for some timber & Plank which must have been some Mistake, as We never made any Indent of that kind However we are not sorry your Honor &c^{a}. have directed him to send it & as those Articles are generally in demand at this Place & may turn out very profitable to the Hoñble Compy we request you will direct him to provide as large a Quantity as he can to send hither next year by the ship we shall now appoint to relieve the Egmot which will in some degree make up for the Compys Loss of the Demorage that will become due for the said Ship's detention at the Negrais.

The Cuddalore arrived here a few days since & brought us . . .

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the arrival of the next shipping.

Ragarause has by order of the Rajah given me a Cowle for this Place for the Compy at the yearly Rent of 1550 Pagodas which it is well worth & will I doubt not with due Encouragement not only be beneficial to the Compy in its Returns, but secure this Settlement from the Encroachment of any who might have been inclin'd to settle here As M^{r}. Pigot has been pleased to recommend to the Rajáh to confirm this Grant under his seal I expect it will shortly be done.

Herewith come the Acc^{ts}. of this Place for last month & the Account of Quick Stock.

BANDARMALKA. I am with the greatest Esteem

OCT^{R}. 1754. HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most obedient & most obliged humble servant

JOHN ANDREWS.

No. 211.

To the Honble Thos. Saunders Esqr.

Presidt. & Govr. &ca. Council of

Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have recēd your favor of the 31st. Ulto. & the several Employs are disposd of agreable to your directions the Gent beg leave to assure you they are entirely satisfied with your determination & will with the greatest chearfulness perform thir duty in any Employs alotted them.

Our Consultations & Monthly Accts. for Septr. now wait on your Honr. &ca.

Our Books for 1754 shall be finished as soon as possible those for 1753 have been done a considerable time but in so incorrect & slovenly a manner that the Accomptt. kept them in hopes of getting them copied fair but without Success for which Reason they shall be sent as soon as examin'd.

Estate of John Smith has credit on our Books Pags. 81—1—48 but by mistake was left out of the Acct. Quick Stock in obedience to your Commands all the Estates shall be wrote off to Acct. Curt. Fort St. George.

Your orders for regulating the sale of arrack & spirituous Liquors shall be strictly complied with & such methods taken as will we hope prevent any further Complaint.

As we found upon every sorting the Cloth proved worse rather than better the better half being always turn'd out, We called the Merchts. the 7th. before the board & told them in plain terms we could not in Justice to our Employers think of taking in a piece more of such Cloth as they now bring in & that there is a large Quantity of turned out Cloth in the Godown we must in case of Necessity insist upon having it a considerable abatement to all which they answer plainly that in these times they cannot procure better thō no pains have been wanting on their Side for that purpose that as to letting us have the turned out Cloth at an abatement is what they can by no means comply with without being great sufferers by this your Honor &ca. may judge we have no hopes of bringing them to better terms as formerly they were never wanting in Promises & Evasions but are now express & clear. We must therefore request your positive directions how to act in this Affair that we may be certain whether we can be of any Assistance in ye. Jānry dispatch we likewise beg leave to give you our Opinion, which is that if we go on taking in such Cloth the Merchts. will never bring in better, the bad Consequence of which to our Honble Masters we need not expatiate upon perhaps when they see we are resolute not to be imposed on they will bring better at present they seem to think we are distressed for cloth & must at last be oblig'd to take what they are pleased to give us.

Our Honble Masters Sloop Dragon endeavouring to get over Cuddalore Bar was by a violent Squall drove on Shore a little to the Southwd. of Cuddalore, where she now lyes: as yet we have not been able to get her off, the Weather has been so excessive bad but as soon as it holds up We shall use all possible means to do it.

Out Ballance of Cash this day is Ps. 24438—2—50 & the Bills from the Commissary unpaid amount to ARs. 102,550 by which your Honr. &ca. will

see we are in immediate want of a large supply the bills discharged since 20th. Augt. amount to Rs. 57608 & Ps. 20,800.

We are with Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your mo. obedt. hble Servts.

Fort St. David
9th. Novr. 1754.

Richd. Starke.
Hugh Norris.
Robt. Sloper.
Richd. Fairfield.
Charles Turner.

P.S. Our several Accts. of Profit & Loss for 1754 come enclos'd for your approbation.

List of Cloth on hand.

At the Washers	...	28
Brown	...	61
At the Dyers ...	...	11
	Bas. ...	100
Turn'd out Cloth ...	... ...	50
	Ba's. ...	150

No. 212.

To the Honble Thos. Saunders Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This serves to enclose your Honor &ca. a Duplicate Invoice & Bill of Lading for what sent by the Sloop George & I am with the greatest Esteem

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient and most obliged humble Servant
John Andrews.

Bandarmlka
15th. Septr. 1754.

No. 213.

To the Honble Thos. Saunders Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We addressed you the 7th. Ulto. Duplicate of which we herewith transmit you, as likewise our Diarys, Cash & Paymasters Accts. & other monthly Papers.

We have supplied the Rajah Viziaramrauze with fifty Barls of Gun Powder, the remaining 50 we reserve for his next application.

Our Merchts. give us some Hopes of providing us with about Bs. 150 or upwards by Christmas but we can't help saying, we are apprehensive they will scarcely fulfill their engagements if we may judge from the small quantity at

present brought in & their great averseness to comply with weaving the Cloth of the measures agreable to your late Injunctions, to which we strictly adhere, & this is encreased by the continuance of the dearness of Cotton; however we assure your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. that our utmost endeavors shall be used to promote the Investment; annexed hereto you have a list of what Cloth we have on hand, which would have been more had not our Merchants been prevented from bringing any for some days past by the late excessive heavy Rains which put almost an entire Stop to our Communication with the neighbouring Places.

We are

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRS

Your most obed^{t}. hble Serv^{ts}.

J. L. SMITH.

[. . .] BEST.

VIZAGAPAT^{M}.
3^{D}. NOV^{R}. 1754.

Cloth on hand, At the Wash	L.C.O.	...	...	15½
	I.O.	...	...	1¼
	L.C.F.	...	...	½
				——17¼ Bales

N°. 214.

TO THE HON^{BLE} THO^{S}. SAUNDERS
PRESID^{T}. & GOV^{R}. &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRS

This serves to enclose the Acc^{ts}. for last Month as also the Quantity of Cloth on hand as specifyd underneath wh^{ch}. being all the material at present

I remain,

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your m^{o}. obed^{t}. Servt.

FOSS WESTCOTT.

INGERAM
8TH. NOV^{R}. 1754.

L C O ...	...	Co.	18	8
L C M ...	...		2	14
I Z Z O...	...			6
		Co.	21	8

N°. 215.

TO THE HON^{BLE} THO^{S}. SAUNDERS ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. & GOV^{R}. &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRS

After all the pains that have been taken & the hopes conceived of ballancing the gen^{l}. Books ending April 1753 I am extremely sorry to observe to your Honor &c^{a}. that the head of Stock introduced into those Books wh^{ch}. consists almost entirely of Stores amounts to Pag^{s}. 8646—25—24 & was encreased afterwards by Receits from Fort S^{t}. David to Pag^{s}. 9137—4—35 out of this Sum was issued Stores, returned, expended & sent to Trichinopoly

valued at Pag^{s}. 5856—12—22 so that there should be remaining no more than to the amount of Pag^{s}. 3280—28—13. but according to the head of Ballance for the close of the Books your Honor &c^{a}. will perceive there appears nevertheless to be still a Stock amo^{g}. to Pag^{s}. 8574—30—54.

This difference is so considerable as cannot be accounted for by any Lights procurable from the recollection of either M^{r}. Dawson or the Storehouse Conicopolys here & probably may have arose from a wrong Acc^{t}. taken at first from whence the subsequent Entrys were made but whether that be the true cause or not it is impossible as I said before to reconcile it by any help to be had at this Place & therefore judg'd it would be less displeasing to you to have them transmitted in the imperfect Condition they are than to be kept any longer in suspence by wast^{g}. of more time in so fruitless a search after a Remedy which must entirely depend on your Honour &c^{a}. to afford & in the mean time the Books ending April last will be brought up fit to receive the transfer agreable to whatever adjustm^{ts}. Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. shall determine on.

These Books should indeed have waited on you before, if my ill state of Health for these 15 days past & the bad weather together had not prevented it by rendering me incapable of doing any thing wh^{ch}. I hope will plead my Excuse.

I am also under some concern for the necessity of informing you that the Weather for many days past has been so tempesturous & severe as to commence a breach in one of the Errñ curtains of 50 Feet in bredth & did so much damage to the Barracks Capt's & Doct^{rs}. lodgings & the hospital & indeed all the buildings in the Place as to require an immediate repair, wh^{ch}. if y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will please to admit of Estimates of the Expences shall be laid before you by the next Opportunity & in the meantime beg leave to subscribe myself wth. the utmost respect

DEVE COTAH
10TH. NOV^{R}. 1754.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your m^{o}. obed^{t}. & mo. hblẽ Serv^{ts}.
CHA^{S}. HOPKINS.

N°. 216.

TO THE HOÑBLE THO^{S}. SAUNDERS ESQ^{R}
PRESID^{T}. & GOV^{R}. &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Since my address of the 10th. Inst^{t}. the weather has continued so excessive bad that the breach I then mention'd to your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. to have been made by the first setting in of it, is considerably encreased both in the Wall Parapet & Rampart; one side of the Hospital is entirely laid open a corner of the Barracks & part of the Fort House & other Buildings either tumbled down or very much damaged, the steps also to several of the Bastions have undergone the same fate, & the Gusts of Wind were so violent as to blow some of the Centry boxes off the Walls with People in them. What further mischief may be done by it's continuance there is no Guessing, but the Havock has been already extended in other Respects to the Levelling of Pybus Pettah & several other Villages to the Ground, & laying the whole Country under Water so much as to occasion a total destruction of Grain of all Sorts.

Inclosed are the Papers for last Month & I beg leave to subscribe myself with the utmost Respect

DEVE COTAH
15TH. NOVR. 1754.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your mo. obt. & most humble
Servant
CHARLES HOPKINS.

No. 217.

TO THE HONBLE THOS. SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
MADRASS.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

On the 20th. Inst. a Pattamar Boat arrived here from Bombay with several Packets for your Presidency, which we now forward by the return of your Pattamars detain'd here for that Purpose, as they are better acquainted with the Road than such as are generally procured here & We take this Opportunity of acquaintg. your Honr. &ca. that the Hardwicke & Warwick from England imported at Bombay the 28th. Ulto. & that the Pce. Edward was arriv'd there from Batavia tho' on what day is not mention'd the Pce Henry & Shaftsbury were likewise daily expected.

We shall have in Wareho. by the end of next Month 2000 Candys of Pepper of the old Crop the new will not be gather'd before Janry. of whch. from the present appearance, We make no doubt of being able to procure full 5000 Cys. This we advised to the Presidency by a Pattamar Boat under the 19th. Ulto. & if any thing should fall out contrary to our Expectation, as to Quantity your Honor &ca. may depend on being advised accordingly.

A French Ship named the Macqault having lost her Passage to Pondicherry arrived at Myhie the 19th. Inst. in about 6 Months, as We hear, from France.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most hble. Servants
THOMAS HODGES.
PETER ELWIN WRENCH.
THOS. SATCHWELL.

TELLICHERRY
23D. OCTR. 1754.

No. 218.

TO THE HONBLE THOS. SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Enclosed is duplicate of our last under the 23d. Ulto. And this serves purposely to advise you that on the 1st. Instant, about Noon, two of his Majesty's Ships were seen off Calicut, one of which was commanded by Admiral Watson as our Linguist at that Place writes us, who was himself on board, & as they stood to the Northward & We have an Acct. of two large ships being yesterday

off Mount Dilly, we imagine they are gone directly for Bombay. These are all the Particulars we have about them & therefore have only to add that we are

TELLICHERRY
3D. NOVR. 1754.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble servants

THOMAS HODGES.
THOS. SATCHWELL.
PETER ELWIN WRENCH.

No. 219.

TO THE HONBLE THOS. SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have reced a lre from Mr. Secry. du Pre' by your Orders enclosing three Bills for 50,000 Pags.

A Copy of our General Books of this Settlement ending Apl. 1753 now wait on your Honr. &ca.

We are with Respect.

FORT ST. DAVID
2D. DECR. 1754.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your mo. obdt. hble Servts.

RICHD. STARKE.
HUGH NORRIS.
. . . .
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
CHAS. TURNER.

No. 220.

TO THE HONBLE THOS. SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Yesterday I reced your Commands of the 16th. Instt. & immediately put them in Execution by transmitting last Months Return of the Garrison to Coll. Adlercron & shall not fail observing the like Practice in future.

As Mr. Dawson can be of no further Service in relation to the Books except in that of copying He requests that your Honr. &ca. will permit him to return to Madrass.

I have only to add that the breach mention'd in my two preceeding Addresses has been since enlarged to the space of 30 Yards quite to the ground & that I am with the greatest Respect,

DEVECOTAH
29TH. NOVR. 1754.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your mo. obedt. & mo. hble Servt
CHAS. HOPKINS.

No. 221.

To the Honble Thos. Saunders Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last Address was under the 16th. Ulto. dup: of which is enclosed & on the 28th. imported our Honble Masters Ships Hardwicke & Warwick from Europe, by which we reced the accompanying Packets for your Honour &ca. & forward them ℘ Pattr. Boat to Tellicherry, having been obliged to detain her till now on account the unsettled Appearance of the Weather 100 Acts of Parliamt. for the punishing Mutiny & Desertion were designed your Honor &ca. but as they render'd the Packet too bulky for a land Conveyance we only transmit 10 & hope they will prove sufficient till another Opportunity presents of forwarding more;

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. Servts.

Bombay Castle
9th. Octr. 1754.

Richd. Bourchier.
H. Symmons.
W. Sedgwicke.
T. Byfeld.
Brabazn. Ellis.
Wm. Hornby.
W. A. Price.
J. Spencer.

No. 222.

To the Honble Thos. Saunders Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have reced your favors of the 28th. Ulto. & 3d. Instt.

Our Consultations & Monthly Accts. for Octr. now wait on you.

Agreable to Your Directions We demanded of Mr. Cooke the explanation of the several Articles of Profit & Loss, his Answer comes enclos'd with a Copy of another Letter We had before reced from him acquaintg. us of a further Loss of 1 G. 238 5/16 Mll. Rice since April last & desiring Permission to proceed to Madrass which we have refused as your Honr. &ca. in your Letter of 1st. Novr. 1753 positively command that no Person in the Compy's Service be permitted to leave the Settlement before his Accots. were settled which cannot be said of Mr. Cooke's till his Profit & Loss meets with your approbation. We therefore request your directions on this Affair as soon as possible.

Our Books for 1754 shall be closed as soon as we receive your Answer to the Profit & Loss, those for 1753 Which were sent up the 2d. were transcribed & examined partly by Mr. Johnson partly by Mr. Greenslate.

Our Salem Merchts. have informed Us they had a Quantity of Cloth ready to set out, when the Govr. of Salem reced an Order from the Doloway to stop all the Cloth at that Place, that the mint People had in vain represented the bad Consequences of such an Action, his Answer was, he must put the Doloways orders into Execution, but would write to him about it & communicate his final

Answer to them, We thought it most advisable to acquaint you of this Affair directly for if some speedy method is not taken to put a stop to it, it must be attended with great detriment to the Investment in General, but more particularly to the Jañry dispatch.

We are with Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS

FORT ST. DAVID
8TH. DECR. 1754.

Your mo. obedt. hble Servts.
RICHD. STARKE.
HUGH NORRIS.
ROBT. SLOPER.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
CHS. TURNER.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL RICHD. STARKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRS

The occasion of this is to acquaint your Worship &ca. of a Deficiency in the Article of Rice lately under my charge in the Export Warehouse, it has upon measuring turn'd out 1 G 238 5/16 M short which arising as I presume from mere Wastage, impossible to be prevented as also from a difference between weight & measure well known I take leave to offer it to your Consideration, relying it will appear too reasonable to admit of any Difficulty in permittg. the same to be wrote off to Profit & Loss for which I wait your directions & I shall then have freed myself from all Charge here should be glad of your leave to proceed to the Presidency.

FORT ST. DAVID
6TH. DECR. 1754.

I am with Respect,
WORSHL. SIR & SIRS

Your mo. obedt. hble Servt.
THOS. COOKE.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL RICHD. STARKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRS

Being acquainted the Honble President & Council in their Letter of the 3d. Instant have required an Explanation to be sent them of the several Losses on Rice, Salt Petre, & Redwood, before they can consent thereto, I take leave to beg the same before you, by which I cannot chuse but relye both they as well as your Worship &ca. will be well convinced the whole has arose from this one Effect unavoidable Waste & as such Presume to hope it will meet with their favorable Determination.

The Rice was purchased in July 1753 Quantity 55G. 333M. It was all Ship Rice & at the time of purchase not a little dusty, reced by Weight, moved from Cuddalore to the Fort where the far greatest part has lain ever since, & it may be concluded underwent some waste in bringing there. The first Grain of the whole Quantity delivered out was in Septr. last by reason the market Price continued so low it could not be disposed of without great loss. The Circumstances consider'd hope it will suffice for this Article if I only point out the space of Time it has been on hand & the full Loss that has arose thereon to the month of Novr. last past, when delivery of the Remains was made to Mr. Norris being no less than 18 Months space, for which besides the 3 Garce tender'd to be wrote off, in April a still farther defficiency has appear'd from that time to Novr. 1 G 238 5/16 M making in all little more than 4½ Garce in 18 Months or to reduce it to it's just proportion I may say about 5½ ℔ Cent ℔ an total Loss; notwithstanding the Well known difference which always accrues from receiving by Weight & delivering by measure.

The Loss upon the Salt Petre & Redwood has been growing ever since this Place became the Presidency which by the Wareh°. Books left here is proveable so far back as the year 1748, prior to that are not with us. From that time there appears to have been recēd here at different times, Salt Petre 13986 B. Mds. & Redwood 4801 Cy. 12 Md. 16 Lb. but for neither of these Articles the least Allowance does not appear to have been ever made on the acct. of Waste, all that has been hitherto charged to Profit & Loss appears for Boats stranded in the Surf & such like Accidts. as their Honor &ct. will be well satisfied of the truth of this on a Reference to the annual Books in their Custody. They will undoubtedly be convinced of a Neglect commenced long before my time & tho' I do not pretend to think myself entirely clear of it for not making an earlier report thereof Yet I may assure them that I was induced to this Omission from nothing but a desire to avoid the Expence as well as farther Loss that must necessarily have attended the moving such bulky articles I therefore chose to do it at leisure as the People could be spared & at length accomplish'd it without putting the Compy to any additional Charge. If this regard had to them be disapprov'd I have only to say I am always ready to abide by whatever they may judge proper to direct on it.

The Salt Petre they are not ignorant is a disolving Article & havg. been mostly kept in a tiled godown It is not unlikely from the many heavy Monsoons which has passed, have been subject to leak tho' undiscern'd & altho' the Redwood be durable they well know It has had neither Godown to keep it in, or Guard to watch it nothing but the Wide Sandy Beach has been it's Lodgement for no less than 6 Years & I have been obliged to dig in different Places for near a mile in Length 2, 3 & 4 feet underground to get the Quantity now produced & some of it found in Places where the least discovery was not to be made of it Add to this the many violent Freshes which have from year to year run over it & I persuade myself it will not be thought improbable but some of it has been bore into the sea & may be more of it still remaining under Ground in vain to search for, under these several Circumstances I have only to add a Calculate of the Proportion which the loss bears to each article the better to enable you to an easy Judgement of the reasonbleness of them, being as follows, Vizt.—

Salt Petre whole Quantity in 4 Years 13986 B. Mds. 50 lb. Loss 157. 18. B. Md. or about $1\frac{1}{8}$ ℘ Ct. for the 4 Years.

Redwood, Whole Quantity in 6 Years 4801 cy. 12md. Lb. 15 Loss 44Cy. or about 6/7 ℘ Ct. for the 6 Years.

As your Worship &ca. have judged it improper to admit of my departure till these matters are determined & as my Detention here is of the highest Importance to my own Affairs I request the favor you will entreat a speedy decision & am with Respect

Fort St. David

7th. Decr. 1754.

Worshipfull Sir & Sirs

Your most obedt. hble Servts.

Thomas Cooke.

P.S.—I ask pardon for omitting in the foregoing another reason to be assigned for the Loss on the Redwood which is the dust & splinter[s] arising on the several Parcels which have been sawn & split for the Conveniency of stowage on ship Board & being certain Loss hope it will be entitled to a share in their Consideration.

N°. 223.

To the Honble Thos. Saunders Esqr.

Presidt. & Govr. of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on your Honor &ca. with the Accounts of this Place for the last Month. Nothing material occurring since my last

Bdrmlk

Novr. 21st. 1754.

I remain with the greatest Esteem

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your mo. obedt. & mo. obliged hble Servt.

John Andrews.

N°. 224.

To the Honble Thos. Saunders Esqr.

Presdt. & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Pursuant to your Commands to inform you from time to time of the Progress We make in procuring Bullocks We must acquaint you We have purchased 90 & hope in a few days to get 100 more but despair of being able to compleat the number of 430 before the Cessation expires having met with many Difficultys in getting these.

The Weather having proved so bad all last Month as to prevent the Carprs. working We are much affraid we shall not be able to get the number of Tumbrills ready their being no less than 12 indented for by his Majesty's Train & three by Major Heron, besides having no Plank are obliged to cut up Timbers which makes the Work very slow & expensive for wch. Reasons hope your Honr. &ca. may be able to furnish us with at least 4 before the Cessation elapses.

Having some time past sent you our Acct. Remains of Household Necessaries must request your sentiments thereon before we close the Books.

Ft. St. David

10th. Decr. 1754.

We are with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your mo. obedt. hble Servts.

Richd. Starke.
Hugh Norris.
[. . . .]
Richd. Fairfield.
Chas. Turner.

N°. 225.

To the Honble Thos. Saunders Esqr.

Presidt. & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We addressed you under the 9th. Ulto. Dup: of which goes herewth. & have since recēd your favor of the 20th. Augt. wth the accompanying Packets from Europe, St. Helena & Anjengo.

A Pattr. Boat being now dispatch'd for Tellicherry, we embrace the Opportunity of forwarding your Honr. &ca. ten more of the printed Acts of Parliament for punishing Mutiny & Desertion also an Acct. Cost of the Silver Mace sent on the Winchelsea & desire your Honr. &ca. [. . . .] Packet for Bengal by the first Opportunity.

We congratulate your Honr. &ca. on the safe arrival of the Norfolk from Europe assuring You likewise of our best wishes for the Success of Your Affairs, & are,

Bby Castle
6th. Novr. 1754.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. Servt.

Richd. Bourchier.
H. Symmons.
W. Sedgwicke.
F. Byfeld.
Brabn. Ellis.
Wm. Hornby.
W. A. Price.
J. Spencer.

Acct. Cost of a Mace made here & sent to Madrass ℘ Winchelsea vizt.

Silver 312 Tolas @ 15 Annas ℘ Tola ...	292	2	
Making 20 ℘ Cent	62	1	60
Rs. ...	354	3	60

Errors Excepted

Bombay Castle
6th. Novr. 1754.

H. Symmons
Accompt.

No. 226.

To the Honble Thos. Saunders Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. &ca. Council of
Madrass.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclosed is Duplicate of our last Address under the 3d. Inst. & the Occasion of this is, to forward a Packet to your Honor &ca. reced yesterday from Bby & to advise you the Remains of Pepper in Wareho. are 1530 Candys & that upwards of 400 Candys are still outstandg. of the old Crop, which we expect to receive by the end of this Month, & our Merchts. still assure us that We may depend upon having Candys 5000 of the new this season, but cannot be certain of delivering more than 3000 Candys thereof before the Rains.

Our Honble Masters Ships Sandwich & Prince Edward were to leave Bombay in all this Month directly for great Britain as will the Warwick about the same time for this Coast to take in her homeward bound adventure.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. Servts.

Tellicherry
19th. Novr. 1754.

Thos. Hodges.
Thos. Satchwell.
Peter Elwin Wrench.

No. 227.

To the Honble Thos. Saunders Esqr.

Presidt. & Govr. &ca. Council of

Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on you with Dup: of our last since which we have been honoured with your Comds of the 26th. October by the Hartop enclosing Invoice and Bill of Lading of Stores sent us by said Vessell, but she having met with some damage in her Passage has fallen in with Upparra & we are affraid it will be some time before she can get here, but on her arrival we will immediately land she said Stores; as the Serjt. 7 Men belonging to the Train you advised us were aboard might by this Accident be a long time before they arrived & being much in Want of them we ordered them to be landed at Upparra & to proceed hither by Land. The Serjt. & Six Men (one having died before they left the Ship) are accordingly arrived here.

We will pay the greatest Attention to your Directions concerning the curing our Cloth & have given the strictest Order to our Washers thereon as to the Lengths & Bredths of our Cloth we assure your Honor &ca. We are particularly carefull that none but what fully answers the proper Measures is taken in & beg leave to persuade you that our utmost diligence shall be exerted to make as large an Investment as possible we hereto subjoin a List of what Cloth we have now on hand & We think we can promise to send you near 150 Bales in Janry.

We are to acquaint Your Honr. &ca. that Nabob Mahomed Mohien Cawns family left our Town a few days ago in order to proceed to Hyderabad where the Nabob is at present, as during the time of their Residence here we endeavoured to shew them every Civility in our Power, so they seem'd thoroughly sensible of it and at their departure expressed the warmest Inclination of assisting the Affairs of our Honble Masters whenever their Abilities permit them.

A few days ago Mr. Smith reced a Letter from the Rajah Viziaramrauze acquainting him that he had settled the Affairs of these Provinces with Monsr. Busie, & that he had refused renting any longer the Provinces of the Rajahmundrum & Chickacull & that therefore Mr. Busie would appoint two Govrs. for those Provinces, a day or two afterwards one Ibrahim Gordee with about 4000 seapoys, arriv'd at Casim Cota & assum'd the Character of Nabob & sent a Letter & Vackeel to Mr. Smith acquainting him he was appointed Nabob of this Province & requsting the usual Presents thereon; Mr. Smith answer'd him in General Terms & was carefull in the Address not to give him any of the Titles usually given to the Nabobs here & also refused the Present; We therefore request your Honor &ca's. orders how to act in Case he should insist on our Acknowledgg. him Nabob & demand a Present.

Inclosed is our Cash Acct. for last Month with the Returns of this Garrison.

We are with great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedient humble Servts

J. L. Smith.

Mar: Best.

Vizagapatam.

Decr. 1754.

ACCT. OF CLOTH ON HAND VIZ.

At the Wash	L C O	... ...	77
	L C F	... ...	7
	S O	... ...	4
			88 Bales

No. 228.

TO THE HONBLE THOS. SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE
&CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have reced your Letters ℘ Anson & Winchelsea under dates the 14th. & 19th. Septr. by the former of which we observe there is great Probability of our having three of the Honble Compys Ships to employ from hence more than we expected & in the present State of Markets in India We are at a Loss on what Voyages to send them that may be of any Advantage to our Honble Masters We apprehend We shall be able to provide for two of them on Freight Voyages to Surat on the Compys own Account & should there be no offer corresponding with Our Honble Masters directions for letting the rest to Freight We shall follow the Plan your Honr. &ca. have laid down of sending them up to your Presidency in Janry with Grain if procurable.

By private Advices We find the Colchester is coming down to Bengal & that your Honr. &ca. have determined to dispatch the Norfolk home in her stead We cannot help being very much surprized at this Conduct in your Honr. &ca. as you must be sensible the sending home Capt Bonham one of this Years Ships increases the Tonnage to be dispatch'd from hence this season as We shall now be obliged to provide for the Colchester Had there been an absolute Necessity for sending home the Norfolk We should have taken no Notice of this Proceeding but as the Winchelsea Capt. Christo. Baron one of last years Ships was returned from Bby empty & touched at Fort St. George We cannot imagine why she was detain'd by your Honr. &ca. to be dispatch'd home in Case the Colchester did not arrive in time.

Your Honr. &ct. not having hitherto requested a ship for the surplus Pepper at Fort Marlbro We have been induced to open two Packets from that Settlemt. under your Address, which were delivered Us by Capt. Edwards of the Speedwell Ketch in which Advices We [are] pleased to find they are likely to have a Surplus of 250 Tons of Pepper. In Consequence we purpose to station one of last years Ships to take it in.

Mr. Knapton whom we mentioned to your Honr. &ca. in our Letter of the 1st. Septr. died some time ago.

Enclosed We forward Your Honour &ca. the Packets already mention'd to be reced from the Gentlemen at Fort Marlbro & are

FORT WILLM.
4TH. NOVR. 1754.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. Humble servts.
ROGER DRAKE JUNR.
E. H. CRUTTENDEN.
RICHD. BECKER.
PAUL RICHD. PEARKES.
[. . .]
M. COLLET.
W. MACKETT.

N°. 229.

To the Hoñble Thos. Saunders Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

By the Orange tree Sloop which left this Place the 8th. Inst. with John Walsh Esqr. Passenger on board we transmitted our general Advices to her departure, The Speedwell Ketch bound for Bengal gives us an Opportunity of forwarding duplicate of them & advising of such other Occurrences as have since happen'd necessary for your Information.

We hear from Batavia that our Hoñble Masters Ship Grantham Arriv'd there from St. Helena, bound hither the 17th. Ulto. so that we daily expect to see her. From her we have Advice that the Godolphin Capt. Hutchinson, from this Place Delawar Capt̃. Winter from the Coast, & Portfield Capt. Le Geyt from Bengall had passed St. Helena on their Passage homeward bound Capt. Kendal whom our Hoñble Masters have been pleased to remove from St. Helena to a Command in the Military here came here on the Speedwell but We must wait the arrival of the Storeship to know the Nature of his Commission.

The Marlbrõ Hoy in her Way hither from Croee was obliged to put into Cawoor where by strong N.W. Winds she was unfortunately blown ashore the damage she may have recẽd by that accident will We fear be a small part of the Loss Our Hoñble Masters are likely to sustain from it, For by a Letter dated [. . . .] Inst. from Mr. Watson Residt.

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